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HANDICAPPED WELFARE CENTRES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped welfare centres located in Bihar;

(b) the facilities being provided to the handicapped by the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation;

(c) the details of the progress made by such corporation;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate a national policy for the handicapped persons; and

(e) if so, by when?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) There are six functional District Disability rehabilitation Centres located at Banka,Chapra, Darbhanga, Gaya, Nawadah and Muzaffarpur in Bihar. Under the NationalProgramme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities, the Districts of WestChamparan and Bhagalpur have been selected by the State Government. Besides,Government is supporting 30 Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities.

(b) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation provides soft loansto the persons with disabilities for self-employment ventures. It also extends loans for pursuing general/professional/technical education at graduate and higher levels.

(c) The Corporation has sanctioned a sum of Rs.4022.85 lakhs benefiting 9889 persons with disabilities till 30.7.2002.

(d) & (e)The National Policy on Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation is at an advanced stage of formulation.